

A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND

LOCAL LIFE,
MUSIC, FOOD,
CULTURE & MORE:
A SATISFYING 360°
EXPERIENCE

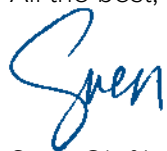
PLUS NEW
DISCOVERIES,
NEW WAYS TO
EXPLORE



DEAR TRAVELER,

I have been to Iceland several times, for Arctic Council meetings and personal reasons. I loved each of my experiences there, the places both familiar and new that I explored. However, I always yearned to go beyond. And on our [Circumnavigation of Iceland](#) itinerary, you can. Go deeper, farther, into an authentic connection with this stunning land and its remarkable people. Thanks to introductions by my friend, Dr. Enric Sala, and others, plus ethnomusicologist, Jacob Edgar's global music network, we will introduce you to fascinating individuals who will enrich your experience of this admirable island nation. I promise if you travel with us, our team will do whatever it takes to ensure you uncommon and unforgettable experiences.

All the best,



Sven-Olof Lindblad



Clockwise from upper left: Hrund Gunnsteinsdóttir, Silja Ómarsdóttir, Thóra Arnórsdóttir, Sandra Snæbjörnsdóttir.

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Cover: Guest taking in the beauty of Dynjandi waterfall.
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LOCAL LUMINARIES

Each Iceland expedition features opportunities to meet and hear from interesting locals aboard ship, including:

HRUND GUNNSTEINSDÓTTIR

Filmmaker, entrepreneur, poet and playwright, consultant to the U.N. and chair of Iceland's Technology Development Fund.

SILJA ÓMARSÓTTIR

Board member of numerous NGOs focusing on women's and human rights; one of 25 people selected to draft a new constitution for Iceland in 2011.

THÓRA ARNÓRSDÓTTIR

Investigative journalist, documentary film producer, candidate for Icelandic president in 2012.

SANDRA SNÆBJÖRNSDÓTTIR

Esteemed geologist working on the CarbFix project, aiming to store carbon dioxide as solid minerals in order to mitigate climate change.



EXCLUSIVE PERFORMANCES

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Our ethnomusicologist, Jacob Edgar, has invited a sterling group of Icelandic artists to perform aboard ship or in local venues. At least two artists from this specially curated lineup will perform on each Iceland departure.

HAUNTING HARMONIES: **YLJA**, comprising two female singer/guitarists, performs moving melodies in Icelandic.

STORIES AND SONGS: Known for his charming stage persona, **SVAVAR KNÚTUR** weaves compelling tales about rural Icelandic life.

A SINGULAR VOICE: Acclaimed singer **SIGRÍÐUR THORLACIUS** will be joined by some of the country's best musicians to perform classics and originals.

AN ETHEREAL EXPERIENCE: Reykjavík-based **MYRRA RÓS** is known for her exquisite voice and enthralling live shows.

CLASSIC YET MODERN: **ÁRSTÍÐIR** blends classical influences with folk rock and chamber pop, sending audiences on a compelling journey.

NORTH STAR: Hailing from a valley in northern Iceland, singer/songwriter **ÖSP ELDJÁRN** is known for concerts of striking emotional power.

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"We saw Ösp Eldjárn and also the group Árstíðir. Both were phenomenal and I purchased several of their CDs. What a treat to listen to their amazing voices and harmonies. This music enhances my memories of a wonderful trip!"

—Kathi Durst Hansen



FJORD EXPLORER

Travel the Westfjords including Ísafjörður, still a center of traditions like eiderdown production.

THE WILD WEST

Sail the western frontier, with remote island hamlets and the Látrabjarg cliffs—home to a huge population of razorbills.

RIVETING REYKJAVÍK

Visit the world's northernmost capital. See its charming Old Town and Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral, learn about Norse Culture at the National Museum, and take a soak in the iconic Blue Lagoon.

HERRING AND HISTORY

Siglufjörður: Experience the one and only Herring Museum, plus the beautifully maintained town of Akureyri.

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LAVA'S CREATIONS

See the world's newest island—forged by a volcanic explosion in 1963—and walk on a crater where the earth is still hot.

ICELAND: BEYOND THE BLUE LAGOON

Encounter vast volcanic landscapes on one of the world's youngest islands, walk on lava fields and ice sheets, and feel the power of gushing hot springs and cascading waterfalls. Cruise into the beautiful, remote Westfjords, and spend time on the Arctic Circle spotting nesting seabirds. Zodiac cruise into fjords and serene bays, and go hiking on magnificent and remote stretches of the coast. Cap off the adventure with a soak in the famous Blue Lagoon.

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11 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS ABOARD
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICING FROM \$11,320*

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES 2020: JUN. 20; JUL. 3, 16, 25

2021: JUL. 11, 24; AUG. 2

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- Day 1 U.S./Fly To Reykjavík, Iceland
- Day 2 Reykjavík/Embark
- Day 3 Flatey Island/Látrabjarg
- Day 4 Exploring Northwestern Iceland
- Day 5 Ísafjörður
- Day 6 Siglufjörður and Akureyri
- Day 7 Lake Mývatn and Húsavík
- Day 8 Exploring Eastern Iceland
- Day 9 Djúpivogur
- Day 10 Islands of Heimaey & Surtsey, Westman Islands
- Day 11 Reykjavík/Disembark/Home

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with Alison Wright June 20, 2020; Phil Schermeister July 3, 2020; and Erika Skogg July 16 & 25, 2020.

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*Per person, double occupancy based on Category 1, valid as of the time of printing, subject to modification, and not guaranteed until booking and required deposit is made. See all terms and conditions at www.expeditions.com/terms

ALL-STAR GEOLOGY

Mývatn brings boiling mud pools, an explosion crater at Krafla, and Goðafoss, the waterfall of the Gods. Make an official crossing of the Arctic Circle at Grimsey.

THE PICTURESQUE EAST

Join naturalists for hikes and Zodiac cruises around Iceland's rugged east coast.



UP CLOSE WITH THE ICE

Visit the highlands by 4x4, or deep blue icebergs via small boat.

SUSTAINABLE DINING

Our chef makes it a priority to source seafood and produce from sustainable local providers—opening yet another window onto Icelandic culture for you.





ENCOUNTER UNCOMMONLY COOL GEOLOGY

Two exciting new excursions bring Iceland's world-class geology front and center. An intimate nature walk in Djupivogur highlights the country's abundant—and dramatic—black sand beaches. Plus, a dash of culture and history. While a trip to the volcanic Lake Myvatn area gets you up close with spectacular Goðafoss Falls, an ethereal lava labyrinth, and bubbling sulphur cauldrons. The adventure caps off with a rejuvenating soak in the GeoSea Baths overlooking views of the Arctic Circle on the horizon.



SAVOR, SIP & DISCOVER LOCAL FLAVORS

Iceland's food is as unique as its landscape. In the charming town of Ísafjörður join our expert guide on a walk full of culinary surprises. Count on stops in local establishments, plus an intimate home visit, as you get a taste of both traditional and modern fare. Beer lovers will 'cheers' to the tour at Brothers Brewery, nestled on tiny Westman Islands. The energetic staff introduce us to one-of-a-kind brews flavored with unusual local ingredients: a seaweed called dulse and fragrant Icelandic thyme.



ENJOY BREATHTAKING VIEWS & A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

There are plenty of hiking opportunities to be had on this voyage but our newest is longer and particularly scenic. Discover quirky sites like the Eggs of Merry Bay sculpture and the 'elf church' rock formation as you hike towards your end goal—the short but steep path up Hálsar mountain. Prefer to peddle around? On a thrilling bike ride from Bolungarvík to Ísafjörður stop along the way to visit a museum housed in a stone and turf fishing hut, call on a tiny village, and capture spectacular photo ops.



AWESOME NEW WAYS TO EXPLORE

Our compelling 360° exploration provides some rare experiences. Zodiac cruising the basalt columns at Rauðanes. Walking through the historic village of Flatey Island and the colorful town of Ísafjörður. Beholding Látrabjarg's massive bird cliffs and puffins at Grimsey on the Arctic Circle. And for the 2020/21 season we've curated even more rewarding options to help you discover this island nation with all your senses—from culinary tours and an active hike or bike ride to a closer look at the region's remarkable geology. Whichever you choose, our team will do whatever it takes to make every experience unforgettable.

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YOUR BEST PHOTOS EVER

A National Geographic photographer is aboard to inspire and guide you, to capture the non-stop photo ops with your camera or smartphone. Thanks to our partnership with renowned specialist, B&H, you can borrow top gear from our onboard B&H Gear Locker: camera bodies, big glass & more.



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Djupavík, Iceland.



Panoramic of the Ströndir Coast, Westfjords, Iceland.